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Export of cotton bales under Monopoly Cotton Purchase Scheme

978. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total quota for export of cotton bales given to the Monopoly Cotton Purchase Scheme of Maharashtra for the current year;

(b) what was the demand made by the Scheme for export and what are the reasons for giving them low export quota;

(c) whether more quota for export of cotton will be given to the Maharastra Cotton Scheme;

(d) the reasons for not liberalising the export of cotton under the new policy of liberalisation; and

(e) whether it is a fact that export of cotton is not being liberalised because it comes in the way of the interests of the mill owners?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) During the Cotton Season 1993-94 total quota for export of cotton bales given to Maharashtra Federation is 50,000 bales.

(b) The Maharashtra Federation had placed a demand for export of 2 lakh bales of raw cotton. While releasing quota for export amongst different Federations and CCI the Government keeps in view their capacity and the need to extend buying support to different varieties of cotton according to fluctuations of prices.

(c) to (e) The Government have suspended export of cotton with effect from 18-1-94 as a temporary measure in view of the sharp increase in the prices of cotton leading to extreme hardship to the decentralised handloom and powerloom sector. Government's endeavour is to strike a careful balance between the interests of the cotton growers and mill owners on the one hand and that of the decentralised handloom and powerloom sector on the other.

Import of Cotton

979. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether cotton has been imported in the country during 1993-94, if so, the quantity thereof;

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in affirmative, the reasons for importing cotton despite the fact that the country has surplus cotton considering the carryover stock of cotton last year and its production this year; and

(c) whether it is a fact that cotton has been imported at the instance of and for the benefit of the mill owners lobby in the country and at the cost of the cotton growers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) and (b) The Government has not imported cotton during the year 1993-94. However, exporting mills are permitted to import cotton under the Advance Licensing Scheme. During the first 3 months of the cotton year 1993-94 i.e. upto 30th November, 1993, 250 M.T. (approx. 15,000 bales) of cotton have been imported in India by exporting mills.

(c) No, Sir.

Long Term Extension of Monopoly Cotton Purchase Scheme

980. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a demand from the cotton growers of Maharashtra